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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Detailed Action

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ono et al (US 6,680,897) in view of Smith et al (US 5,579,296).

3. Regarding Claim 1, Ono et al shows (Figs. 1-14), an optical recording medium having data optically recorded thereon, characterized in that one face of a substrate of the optical recording medium has a circular recess (5) formed therein for engagement with a rotating device for the optical recording medium, and the other face of the substrate has a flat surface (2) with no projections and depressions, but does not show the flat face having a design put at least approximately on the center of the face.

Smith et al shows (Fig. 29) the flat face having a design put at least approximately on the center of the face.

One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to have provided the flat surface of Ono with the design as taught by Smith in order to block light (as layer 31 of Ono does), and identify a particular disk and the information stored on that disk

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4. Regarding Claim 2, Ono et al shows (Figs. 1-14), an optical recording medium characterized in that the circular recess (5), is cylindrically formed approximately in the center of the optical recording medium.
5. Regarding Claim 3, Ono et al shows (Figs. 1-14), an optical recording medium characterized in that the circular recess (5) is annularly formed.
6. Regarding Claim 4, Ono et al shows (Figs. 1-14), an optical recording medium characterized in that the annular recess (5) has an arc or triangle cross-section, and each corner between the arc or triangle and the substrate face forms an obtuse angle when seen in cross section.
7. Regarding Claims 5,11,15, and 19 Ono et al (Figs. 1-14) in view of Smith (Figs. 1-31) an optical recording medium characterized in that the substrate is composed of one plastic substrate, and the design put on the other face of :the plastic substrate is formed by means of printing (product by process).
8. Regarding Claims 6,12,16, and 20, Ono et al (Figs. 1-14) in view of Smith (Figs. 1-31) an optical recording medium characterized in that the substrate is composed of one plastic substrate (19) and the other face of the plastic substrate has optical data recorded thereon, the other face being provided with an adhesive layer and a cover layer attached by the adhesive layer, the design being put on a surface of the cover layer.
9. Regarding Claims 7,13,17,21,23, and 25 Ono et al shows (Figs. 1-14), an optical recording medium characterized in that the substrate has a metal piece (Fig 2 - semiconductor chip) or a magnetic element integrated therein.

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10. Regarding Claims 8,14,18,22,24,26, and 27 Ono et al shows (Figs. 1-14), an optical recording medium characterized in that the optical recording medium has a memory (3) integrated therein.

11. Regarding Claim 9, Ono et al shows (Figs. 1-14), an optical recording medium characterized in that the memory is a nonvolatile semiconductor memory (3).

12. Regarding Claim 10, Ono et al shows (Figs. 1-14), an optical recording medium, characterized in that the optical recording medium, has an antenna (10) which is connected to the memory integrated therein.

Conclusion

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Blouin whose telephone number is 571-272-7583. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 6:00 to 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joe Feild, can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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